PTO/SB/22 (12-04)

Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number.

Docket Number PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 FIS920030323US1 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Conf. #1777 Application Number 10/707,778 Filed January 12, 2004 SYSTEM AND METHOD OF SMOOTHING MASK SHAPES FOR IMPROVED PLACEMENT OF For **SUB-RESOLUTION ASSIST FEATURES** Art Unit 1756 Examiner Stephen D. Rosasco This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Fee Small Entity Fee One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$120 \$60 120.00 \$ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$450 \$225 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1020 \$510 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1590 \$795 \$ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$1080 \$2160 \$ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 09-0458 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 December 26, 2006 Signature Date Daryl K. Neff (973)-316-2612 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. Total of forms are submitted.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: December 26, 2006

Signature:

(Daryl K. Neff)

12/29/2006 SSITHIB1 00000024 090458 10707778 120.00 DA

01 FC:1251